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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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Application Number	09/509,603 ✓
Filing Date	April 6, 2000 ✓
First Named Inventor	Nicola John Policicchio ✓
Group Art Unit	1746
Examiner Name	Joseph L. Perrin
Attorney Docket Number	6873
Confirmation Number	1426

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. **16-2480**.
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) 3 months
- iii. ☐ Suspension of action fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

Case Docket No. 6873

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT for the patent application:

Inventor(s): Policicchio et al. Confirmation No. 1426

Serial No.: 09/509,603 Group Art Unit: 1746

Date Filed: April 6, 2000 Examiner: Joseph L. Perrin

Title: Detergent Composition For Hard Surfaces Comprising Hydrophilic Shear Thinning Polymer At Very Low Level

- ☐ No additional fee is known to be required.
- ☒ The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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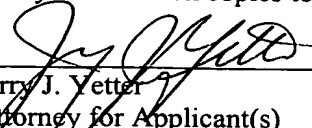
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- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a) to grant any extension of time needed for timely response to the Office Action dated 9/18/02 in the above-identified application to preserve pendency of said application. The processing fee under 37 CFR §1.17 has been determined as follows: \$930.00 for a 3-month extension of time.
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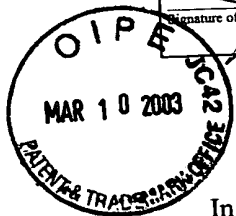
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At Very Low Level

AMENDMENT SUBMISSION WITH RCE FILING

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Dear Sir:

The following amendments and remarks in support of patentability are submitted herewith in conjunction with this Request for Continued Examination. All fees, including fees for filing the RCE and Extensions of Time, are to be charged to the Assignee's Deposit Account 16-2480.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 31, 33 and 37, as follows.

Sub D1  
31. (Twice amended) A kit comprising an implement, a pad containing superabsorbent material having a capacity for water of at least about 15g/g when measured under a confining pressure of 0.3 psi, and a detergent composition containing no more than about 0.4% by weight of detergent surfactant, less than about 5.0% by weight of a solvent and having a pH of more than about 9.

C1  
Sub D1  
C2  
33. (Twice amended) A process of cleaning a surface, said process comprising the steps of: applying a cleaning effective amount of a detergent composition to said surface, said detergent composition containing no more than about 0.4% by weight of detergent surfactant, less than about 5.0% by weight of a solvent and having a pH of more than about 9; and wiping said surface with an absorbent structure comprising a superabsorbent material having a capacity for water of at least about 15g/g when measured under a

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